

LeMay Family and Friends.
Bible Study
Date: Monday - August 02, 2021.
7pm - 8pm Eastern

Title: “Renew in me a clean heart and a right spirit.”

Theme: Restoration

Text: PSALMS 51: 1 - 19

Supporting Scriptures: 2 Samuel 11: 1 - , 2 Samuel 12

Format: (*Virtual*) Read text. Discuss them and the supporting scriptures.

Questions: (below)

This is one of my favorite chapters in the bible. It is a depiction of a man of Royalty, who has repeatedly and greatly transgressed before the Lord and finds himself in the position of being totally outside of the will of God.

At some point in the narrative, God intervenes on David's behalf and affords him an opportunity to change his patterns by sending the prophet Nathan to deliver a message to the King. David, who has been pompous and stubborn, is totally caught off guard by the prophets' notification that God is aware of his transgressions. But, David immediately assumes a posture that is indicative of one who needs to be forgiven and to be restored to his position as the leader of Israel.

The message is rendered in the form of a story, similar to the kind of parables that Jesus would later use to tell stories that could be interpreted by the spiritual minded and that wouldn't be able to be interpreted by those who were unlearned.

The story illustrates the heart and soul of a man who has been confronted directly by God himself and he realizes that he is in direct conflict with God's will for him and it also gives us a look into the mind and the heart of God.

It is apparent in the chapter that David is remorseful and that he is also cognizant that he has an audience with God. David appears to demonstrate his inherent access to God's grace and mercy and asks for it. We read later in the book of 2nd Samuel that David paid a very heavy price for his indiscretions and throughout the rest of his days. But he remained King of Israel and is noted as being the man that God used to establish and to fortify Israel, for centuries to come.

Questions:

- 1) What is restoration?
- 2) What was God's rebuke of David? (2 Samuel 12: 10 - 11).
- 3) What was David's posture once he became aware of God's punishment)? (2 Samuel 2: 13 - 25).
- 4) What sin's had David committed? *Murder, Adultery, Rape, Lying, Coveting, etc.*
- 5) How is it that a man as corrupt could be used by God?
- 6) Are David's sins greater than mine?